

**METHOD FOR RE-SENSITIZING VANCOMYCIN RESISTANT BACTERIA  
USING AGENTS WHICH SELECTIVELY CLEAVE A CELL WALL PEPTIDE**

**Abstract of the Invention**

5 The present invention relates a method for re-sensitizing  
vancomycin resistant Gram-positive bacteria in which  
resistance results from the conversion of an amide bond to  
an ester bond in the cell wall peptide precursors of the  
bacteria which comprises using an antibacterial amount of  
10 vancomycin or a homolog of vancomycin and an amount of an  
agent effective to selectively cleave the ester bond so as  
to thereby re-sensitize vancomycin resistant bacteria.